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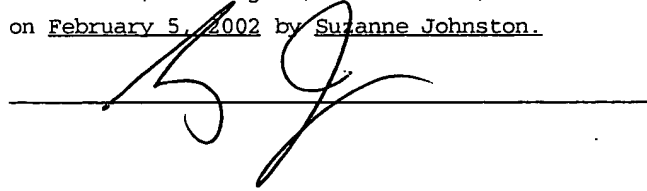
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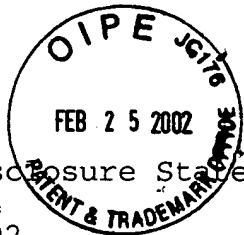
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1 566 616	5/80	GB			N/A
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